

and it has been accepted by the U.S. Supreme Court. So it's the preliminary cost that we are involved with now in getting ready for the actual hearing of the case.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Pappas, please, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, if Senator Warner would indulge, I would like to ask him a few questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you yield, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Sure.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Senator Warner, could you tell me, has there been an estimated cost of what this case is going to cost the State of Nebraska with Wyoming?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, we asked that question of the Attorney General and it was...at least, at this point, it was felt that this level of appropriation would be adequate for their purposes. You know, obviously, something more could happen because, as I indicated, Wyoming has indicated a good...a good more dollars as possible for the lawsuit, not that dollars determines a lawsuit, but this was the judgment of the Attorney General's Office that they felt this would be adequate, both for their attorneys' costs as well as expert witness cost, which is a very major item, of course, in these kind of cases.

SENATOR PAPPAS: That is what the 273,000, I think, is...

SENATOR WARNER: Pardon.

SENATOR PAPPAS: The 273,000.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, 276.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Two seventy-six. That is a preliminary cost. Then once we get to the Supreme Court, we present arguments, could cost more perhaps.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Actually, there are some...there is like \$113,000 in billings that have already occurred, which were being paid out of the Attorney General's budget, but, obviously,